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Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional
Local Human Rights Committee
Thursday, April 18, 2013
Betty Whitehead Conference Room – Danville/Pittsylvania Community Services Board

Note: These minutes are subject to approval by the LHRC at its next meeting. Should revisions be made, they will be included as an item in the minutes of that meeting.

LHRC Members in Attendance: Greg Casker; Esther Goins; Kelly Matthews; Jeff Rodden; Lesa Shelton

LHRC Members Not in Attendance: Beverly Scruggs

SVMHI Patient Advocate Senior: Jennifer Kovack

Affiliates Not In Attendance: Children and Family Community Development; Crossroads Treatment Center; Gentleman of Tomorrow, LLC; HOPE Family Services; Life Support Services; Oasis Support Services; The Linke; Turning Point Family Services; Virginia Health Partners

Minutes Recorder: Jerri Lynn Phillips, SVMHI

Regional LHRC Minutes and Meeting Schedule: The Regional Local Human Rights committee (LHRC) minutes and meeting schedule can be located on the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Web Page @ www.svmhi.dbhds.virginia.gov under the heading of Client Advocacy.

Welcome/Call to Order: Greg Casker, Chair, called the Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional Local Human Rights Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: January 24, 2013 minutes were approved.

Public Comment: Opportunity was given for public comment. Darlene Doss informed the committee that she had attended a meeting at Central Virginia Training Center regarding mood stabilizers and the use of PRN medication. There were different interpretations about whether an order was needed for every PRN. J. Kovack will let the affiliates know after she has guidance on the issue.

Affiliation Request:

- All Care Family Services requested to add an In-Home Residential Support Service.
- Family Preservation Services, Inc. requested expansion of Therapeutic Day Treatment to E.A. Gibson Elementary School at 1215 Industrial Avenue, Danville, VA.
- M.T. Sorrell Home requested to add In-Home Support Services.

Advocate's Report:

- J. Kovack explained that there are three phases of training for the CHRIS system. This electronic reporting system will replace paper reports and will meet DOJ and Medicaid requirements. The CSB's are currently using it and Jennifer will forward further information about training and implementation.
- Affiliates were reminded to send her any changes of address, etc. to keep their information updated.

Affiliate Reports:

- **Kingdom Dominion:** No complaints to report. Currently serving 3 residents. Recently had a visit by Sherry Miles.

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- **M.T. Sorrell Home – ARC of Southside:** No complaints to report. Currently serving 8 clients.
- **Support Services of Virginia:** 26 clients being served. No abuse or neglect. One peer to peer incident resolved.
- **Alliant:** 52 clients being served; no allegations.
- **Family Preservation Services:** No incidents to report.
- **Interventions of Virginia:** 12 clients being served; no incidents to report. Services are located in the Gretna area.
- **Negril:**
 - **Day Support:** 3 incidents which were all resolved with no major problems
 - **Residential:** Currently serving 46 clients. 1 peer to peer reported.
 - **Day Treatment:** Location of the academy has changed. Currently serving 15 students with 7 staff. No reports of incidents.
- **Therapeutic Interventions, Inc.:** No reports/allegations. Sherry Miles visited.
- **A New Inspiration:** No complaints. Currently serving the Martinsville and Danville area.
- **Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services Board:** Served 2700 clients this quarter. There was 1 allegation that was not founded. Extensive human rights training was held last fall – 3 hours for each staff member. An in-house pharmacy has opened – Genoa Healthcare for all CSB clients.
- **Joshua Home:** 1 incident reported involving a client putting out a cigarette in a trash can and starting a fire. No one was hurt. A new program director came on board last month.
- **New Hope:** Serves Danville, Martinsville, Halifax – no allegations. Lynchburg serves 27 and had no allegations. Serves 34 in the PSR program in Danville with no allegations.
- **All Care Family Services:** 60 individuals served with no incidents.
- **Danville Regional Medical Center:** 104 clients services – no allegations – 1 seclusion/restraint.
- **Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute:** 131 clients served; 2 allegations of abuse/neglect resulting in a staff member being dismissed for failing to complete job duties. 1 charge of neglect resulted in a staff member being retrained in the policy of keeping arms length distance from a patient during one-on-one observation. A fact-finding LHRC hearing was scheduled on 4/8/13 on a formal complaint by a client that he was harassed.
- **Virginia Health Partners:** No abuse.
- **Doss Homes:** 1 complaint was unfounded – the committee discussed the complaint at length. 1 new staff hired. Now serving 7 residential clients.

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- **Hughes Home:** 52 individuals served – 1 abuse pending/staff is on administrative leave. No other complaints; 266 peer to peer incidents
- **Caring Hearts:** Pending license approval
- **Diverse Family Services:** Approved and licensed – will now accept clients.

Greg Casker reminded affiliates that questions are welcome. He and J. Kovack will review the Bylaws to determine policy regarding those affiliates who miss meetings.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2013 – DPCS, 245 Hairston Street, Danville, VA 5:30 PM

Adjourned: 6:20 PM